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## [Dutch attack the fortress of Praia, Cape Verde Islands]

**Stock#:** 61838mp2  
**Map Maker:** De Bry / Merian  
**Date:** 1633  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 7.5 x 5.8 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely engraved image of the Dutch attack on Praia on June 27, 1589, led by Simon de Cordes.

De Cordes left Holland with five ships, bound for the Magellan Straits. On reaching Santiago in the Cape Verde Islands, the expedition attempted to loot the fortress at Praia. This stood on top of a high rock whose only approach was by a narrow stairway with 175 steps.

At the time the fortress was occupied by the Portuguese, under a Spanish commander. On landing, however, the Dutch were entertained by some of the Portuguese on the beach, while the others hid all



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their valuables. Later, when the Dutch took over the fortress they found nothing of value there.

**Detailed Condition:**